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Application No. 10/701,169) Group Art Unit: 3612
Filed: November 5, 2003)
For: SIDE DOOR STRUCTURE OF VEHICLE AND METHOD
OF DESIGNING THE SIDE DOOR STRUCTURE

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to inform the Examiner of the following related co-pending application claiming related technical subject matter:

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Further in pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant's provide information regarding foreign counterpart applications relating to the above noted US published application.

The Applicants have listed for the Examiner's convenience the above identified application and related documents on the attached PTO-1449 filed on even date herewith. The Examiner's consideration of these applications is respectfully requested.

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